

Soviet Motor Vehicle Repair Shop in Berlin-Oberschoeneweide

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1. In early April 1951, a large Soviet motor vehicle repair shop was observed at the intersection of Wilhelmshofstrasse and Ostendstrasse, Berlin-Oberschoeneweide. The installation, which employed German mechanics, was supervised by Soviet officers. A branch shop was located in Zeesen. *
2. Motor vehicles of Soviet occupation troops and Volkspolizei were being equipped with wooden superstructures and benches in the Oberschoeneweide repair shop while their engines were overhauled and repaired in another repair shop in Johannisthal. ** About 300 laborers are employed in Johannisthal.
3. On 25 April, about 12 three-axle U.S. trucks, which were repair-shop trucks, were seen in the Oberschoeneweide repair shop. Six trailers were being converted into repair-shop trucks. The engines of other trucks

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5. A laborer said that 1,500 German workers, who sometimes worked in three shifts, were employed in the repair shop. The repair shop is directly assigned to the Soviet High Command in the Soviet Zone of Germany. It was guarded by VP-men outside and by Soviet officers inside the boundaries. The conversion of trucks into repair-shop trucks was allegedly to cease, and the manufacture of parts for ZIS and Chevrolet motor vehicles was to start.

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Comment. This is a repair shop of the 53d Central Repair Shop, located in the former Buessing NAG Plant. The branch shop in Zeesen is also known.

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Comment. The repair shop in Johannisthal is reported for the first time. It is a smaller branch shop.

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